A GENTLEMAN FROM MISSISSIPPI

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CHAPTER XVIII.

HOPE LANGDON'S HOUR OF TRIUMPH AINES sat at a table to the reception room, across from Hope Georgia, and his gratitude for her battle in his favor mingled with a realization of qualities in this young lady that he had never before noticed. Probably he did not know that what he had really seen in her that day and that evening was the sudden transition from girlhood to womanhood, her casting aside of thoughtless, irresponsible youth and

the shouldering of the responsibilities of the grown woman who would do her share in the world's work.

He stared across in astonishment at this slip of a girl who had outwitted two resourceful men and an older sister of unquestioned abili-

She would do her share in the world's work. "I do not recognize you, Miss Hope," he said final-

"Perhaps you never looked at me before," she suggested archly, feeling instinctively that this was her hour; that the man she loved was at this moment thinking more about her than of anything else in the world. Haines made a gesture of regret.

That must be it," he agreed. Then he leaned forward eagerly. "But I'm looking at you now, and I like looking at you. I like what you've done for

"Oh, that was nothing, Mr. Haines," she exclaimed airily, her intuition telling her of her sway over the man.

"Nothing!" he exclaimed. "Well, it's more than any one ever did for me before. I've known lots of girls"-"I don't doubt that, Mr. Haines,"

Hope interjected, with a light laugh, "Yes, I say I've known lots of girls, but there's never been one who showed herself such a true friend as you have been. There's never been any one who believed in me this way when I was practically down and out."

"Perhaps you've never been down and out before, Mr. Haines, so they never had a chance to show whether they believed in you or not." "That may be one reason," he an-

swered. "I wonder why"-he paused-"I wonder why your sister Carolina did not believe in me."

"You were quite fond of her, weren't you?" the girl began, then stopped and dolph and Norton, who had followed turned away her head.

Haines gazed curiously at Hope. her, but I soon saw my mistake. It Randolph, observing this, quickly wasn't love. It was only a kind of"-Suddenly pausing, Bud Haines shot

a swift glance at the girl. "What wonderful hair you have, Miss Hope."

The girl smiled invitingly. "Think so?"

know so. I never noticed it before, my affairs, Randolph," he said. but I guess lots of fellows down in Mississippi have."

Hope's tantalizing smile worried him. "I hope you are not secretly engaged too!" he exclaimed.

"No, oh, no!" she answered quickly senator langdon learns the truth. before she thought.

"Or in love?" he asked seriously. Haines had stood up and was now leaning intently over the table. He realized the difference between the feeling he had had for Carolina and the tender emotion that thrilled him as he thought of the sweet girl before him. This time be knew he was not mistaken. He knew that he truly loved Hope Langdon.

"Or in love?" he asked again, anxlous at her silence.

Hope looked at him slowly. A faint blush illumined her face.

"Oh. don't let's talk about me," she

exclaimed.

"But I want to talk about you," he eried. "I don't want to talk about anything else. I must talk about you, and



"No one has believed in me but you." I'm going to talk whether you want to hear or not. You've believed in me When nobody else believed. You've snoke the truth. Then his white head

was fighting against me. You've shown that you think I am honest and worthy of a woman's faith. You fought your own family for me. Nobody has ever done for me what you have, and-

He faltered, full of what he was about to say.

"And you're grateful," she ended. He looked her squarely in the eyes as though to fathom her thoughts. Then he reached toward the girl and selzed both her hands.

"Grateful nothing!" he cried. "I'm not grateful. I'm in love-in love with you. I want you-want you as I never wanted anything or anybody before, and I tell you I'm going to have you. Do you hear?"

Hope could not hide her agitation. The light in her eyes showed she was all a woman.

"Oh, nothing in the world could happen as quickly as that, Mr. Haines!" she protested, with her last attempt at

"Nothing could?" he threatened. "I'll show you." He advanced quickly around the ta-

ble, but the girl darted just beyond his grasp. Then she paused-and her lover gathered her in his arms,

"Hope, my dear; you are my own." was all he could say as he bent over to kiss the lips that were not refused to him.

Hope released herself from his fervent grasp. "I love you, I do love you," she said

fondly. "I believe in you, and father must too. You've got to straighten this tangle out now, for my sake as well as your own. Father will listen."

"It's all so strange, so wonderful, I can hardly understand it," began Haines slowly as he held the girl's

Unknown to both, the door leading from the hall had opened to admit Senator Langdon into the lower end of the room. Surprised at the sight of the couple, so seriously intent on each other, he made a sudden gesture of anger, then, apparently changing his mind, advanced toward them.

"I believe you want to see me, sir," he said to Haines. "I hope you'll be brief. I have very little time to spare from my guests."

Hope's bosom fluttered timorously at the interruption. The man pervously stepped forward. "I shan't take much of your time,

Senator Langdon," he said. "There has been a misunderstanding, a terrible mistake. I am sure I can convince you.' Senator Langdon hesitated doubtful-

ly, half turned toward Carolina, Ranhim, and again faced Haines.

Hope pressed her father's arm and "I was, yes. I even thought I loved looked up into his face entreatingly. stepped close to the senator's side, saying, "I can settle with this Mr. Haines for you."

Waving his son aside, the senator

finally spoke. "I reckon there's been too many "Yes," he declared earnestly. "I attending to my business and settling think for a change I'll settle a few of my own. All of you children go out and leave me here with Mr. Haines."

CHAPTER XIX.

THEN they were alone Haines faced the senator and spoke determinedly.

"They told you I running straight," he said. The senator nodded, and the lines about his mouth deepened.

Bud Haines stiffened at the word. Every muscle in his body seemed to become rigid as he mentally vowed that he would retaliate against his traducers if it cost him his life to do it. Hope had informed him only too accurately, he now realized. Little did the senator know that what he was now about to hear would give him one of the severest shocks of his life.

"They told me you weren't running straight," said Haines deliberately, "Now, neither one of us has been crooked, but somebody else has been, and this was the plan to keep us apart."

"Norton told me you were speculating in Altacoola lands," said Langdon. "And Norton told me the same of you," retorted Bud.

The senator's face grew very serious. "But my daughter, Miss Carolina Langdon, confirmed Norton's story." Haines here faced the most difficult part of his interview. He hardly knew how to answer. His manhood rebelled against placing any blame on a woman. He revolted at the thought of ruining a father's faith in his daughter's honesty, especially when that father was the man he most admired. a man for whom he had genuine, deep rooted affection. But it was necessary

that the words be spoken. "I hate to tell you, sir," he said in a low, uncertain voice, "that it was your daughter Carolina who made me believe this story told about you and vouched for by your son Randolph."

Langdon started back aghast. He stared at Haines and knew that he

sank patheticany. Tears welled into the eyes of the planter, and this sturdy old fighting man dropped weakly into a chair, sobbing convulsively, broken in spirit and wearied in body.

At length Haines spoke to his stricken chief.

"I know it hurts," he said. "It hurt me to have to say it. Don't believe it until you get it out of Norton,

must do something." Langdon came to his feet, mopping his cheeks. But there was no weakness in him now, Yes, he

but then you

would do something. He would go after the thieves that had turned his own flesh and blood against him and root them all out

-show them all up.

"Oh, I'll do something," he said gr'mly. "I'm going to make up for lost time. Of course Norton is speculating. Who's behind him?" "Stevens and Peabody, I'm positive,"

answered Haines, "and behind them is Standard Steel." "What," exclaimed Langdon, "Ste-

vens in a swindle like this! Are you sure? How do you know?" "A Gulf City man who couldn't carry his liquor gave me some clews, and I worked Norton into telling some more," answered the secretary. "Where

is Penbody?" "He's here now." "Then he hasn't got my letter yet. 1 sent him a note and signed your name, senator, to the effect that the Gulf City claims have been brought before you so strongly that you might vote

for Gulf City." Langdon was amazed. "You sent that note," he exclaimed, when you know Altacoola is the only proper place and Gulf City is a mud

The newspaper man smiled. "Of course," he agreed, "but I had to get a rise out of Peabody. This will show where

"Oh," said

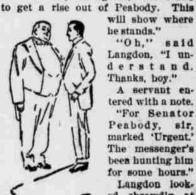
A servant en-

"For Senator

Langdon look.

Bud, then turned

to the servant.



"Show up at the old desk."

"You keep that note until I ring for you, then bring it to Senator Peabody. Understand? No matter how

urgent it's marked." The man bowed. "Yes, sir."

"Now tell Mr. Norton, Miss Langdon and Mr. Randolph to come here.' The senator turned back to his sec

"I expect I'm going to be pretty busy the rest of the evening, Bud, so in case I forget to mention it again remember to show up at your old desk in the morning."

"I will. Thank you, sir." "You sent for us, senator," said Norton, approaching with his two dupes.

"You are interested in Altacoola lands," the senator angrily charged. "I am, sir," he said.

"And you told Mr. Haines that I was interested in Altacoola lands?" The schemer hegitated, and the sen-

stor broke in on him in rage. "Speak out, man! Tell the truth, if

you can." "I did," admitted the congressman "Was there any particular reason for

your not telling the truth?" demanded the Mississippian in threatening tone. "I told the truth," replied Norton. "You are interested in them."

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For an instant Langdon seemed

"You have several things to learn,

"I have things to learn and things

"You are interested, senator," replied

the trickster, making his big play.

"through your son Randolph, who in-

vested \$50,000 of your money in Alta-

cocla, and also through your daugh-

ter, Miss Carolina, who, acting on my

advice, has put her own money-\$25,-

For a moment Laugdon was speech-

less. It was too much at first for the

"You mean," he gasped at last, "that

you induced a boy to put \$50,000 in

Altacoola land when you knew I had

to vote on the bill? And you even

let my daughter put her money in the

"Of course I did. It was a splendid

chance, and I let your son in for

friendship and your daughter because

she has done me the honor to promise

"What! You have my daughter's

"Then I reckon here's where I lose

a prospective son-in-law," sneered

Langdon. "But that's unimportant.

"Very well," he said. "You are too

small to count. I'll find out for myself.

Now you go to my study and wait

there until I send for you. I must be alone with my children,"

When Norton and Haines had left

them, Langdon turned sadly to the two

you know what you've done to me?"

"What, father? We've done nothing

"They told me it was perfectly legiti-

mate," urged Randolph. "They said everybody-Peabody and Stevens and

the rest-were in it, and Peabody is the

"Yes, my boy," assented the old planter, "he's the leader in the senate,

and that's the shameful part of all this

-that a man of his high standing

Randolph Laugdon was not a vicious

lad, not a youth who preferred or chose

wrongdoing for the increased rewards

it offered. He was at heart a chival-

rous, straightforward, trustful south-

ern boy who believed in the splendid

traditions of his family and loved his

father as a son should a parent having

the qualities of the old hero of Craw-

fordsville. Jealous of his honor, he had

been a victim of Norton's wiles because

of the congressman's position and pur-

suasiveness, because this companion of

his young days had won his confidence

and had not hesitated to distort the

lad's idea of what was right and what

Randolph began an indignant protest

against his father's reproof when the

"Don't you see?" said the senator.

"I can understand there being rascals

in the outside world and that they

should believe your careless, foolish

old father lawful game, but that be

should be thought a tool for dishonest

thieving by members of his own fam-

daughter, through all their generations

the Langdons have been honorable.

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father, who sees in you the image of

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your dear mother, who has gone?"

senator cut him short,

ily is incomprehensible.

should set you so miserable an exam-

children who had disgraced him.

wrong?" protested Carolina,

boss of the senate."

Now, Norton, who's behind you?"

"I must decline to answer that."

Langdon looked at him sternly.

honest old southerner to comprehend.

000-in Altacoola land also."

to teach," he said. "But go on. Why

senator," declared the congressman.

about to step toward him, then he con-

"I didn't know it," he said,

trolled himself.

am I interested?"

same scheme?"

to become my wife."

promise to marry you, you"-

"She admits it herself."

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